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Lewistown, Illinois Man Pleads Guilty to Seven Armed Bank Robberies

Springfield, IL - Jan Paul Miller, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that William A. Ginglen, age 64, of Lewistown, Illinois, pled guilty today to seven armed bank robberies and with carrying and using a firearm during a crime of violence.

During today's court proceeding before U.S. District Judge Jeanne E. Scott, Ginglen admitted that he committed armed robberies of seven central Illinois banks:

Bank of Kenney, Kenney, Illinois, on November 10, 2003;
Farmers State Bank of Versailles, Versailles, Illinois, on February 13, 2004;
Bank of Greenview, Greenview, Illinois, on March 12, 2004;
First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, N.A., Deland, Illinois, May 4, 2004;
Petefish, Skiles and Company Bank, Tallula, Illinois, June 8, 2004;
First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, Deland, Illinois, June 12, 2004; and,
Bank of Kenney, Kenney, Illinois, on July 12, 2004.

In addition, Ginglen admitted to carrying a firearm on two occasions: the June 12, 2004 robbery of First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust N.A. in Deland and the July 12, 2004 robbery of the Bank of Kenney.

Sentencing has been scheduled for November 18, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Each of the counts of armed bank robbery is punishable by a maximum sentence of 25 years imprisonment. For using a firearm during a crime of violence, the first conviction carries a minimum sentence of seven years to life imprisonment. For subsequent convictions on the firearms charges, the minimum sentence is 25 years to life imprisonment. Any term of imprisonment imposed for the firearms offenses must be served consecutive to all other sentences and with each other.

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The charges are the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Dewitt County Sheriff's Department; Menard County Sheriff's Department; the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, and the Champaign Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Chesley is prosecuting the case.

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